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HEAD OVER HEELS[®] DESIRE HIBISCUS

Hibiscus moscheutos
'RutHib4' PPTBS

SELLING FEATURES

- Large, saucer-shaped, scarlet red flowers with a deep red eye.
- Heavier flower set than other market varieties.
- Compact, well branched habit that is improved over other market varieties.
- Dark burgundy foliage



Fig 1: Landscape habit.



Fig 2: Foliage and flower color of Head Over Heels[®] Desire.

GENERAL INFORMATION

LIGHT:	Full sun
MATURE SIZE:	3.5–4' h x 3.5–4' w
NATURAL BLOOM SEASON:	Mid-summer to late summer
USDA HARDINESS:	Zone 4
USES:	Specimen, mass plantings, mid to back of border.

FINISHING INFORMATION

MEDIA:	Standard Ornamental Nursery Mix
MEDIA PH:	5.0–6.5
MEDIA EC:	2.0–2.5
MOISTURE:	Maintain even moisture in well-drained soil.
FERTILIZER:	<p>13-5-9 Harrell's 8–9 month slow release feed, top dressed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 20 grams in 1 gallon• 40 grams in 2 gallon• 60 grams in 3 gallon
COMMON PESTS & DISEASE:	Watch for aphids, caterpillars, Japanese beetles, white flies, and mealybugs. Botrytis can occur on flowers and flower buds.
TRIMMING:	Recommend one trim during the first year of production to bulk. Trim when new growth is still soft, leaving 2–3 nodes under the trim mark. Allow 5–6 weeks from trim to bloom time.
PGRS:	None needed
ADDITIONAL NOTES:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pay close attention to potting level of bare root inputs. The crown should be at or just above the soil line.• Keep Hibiscus well-watered and do not allow to wilt. Wilting will negatively impact flower set and cause loss of lower leaves.• Plants require direct sunlight to produce burgundy foliage; grow production outdoors. Plants grown under glass will produce green foliage.

FINISHING INFORMATION *(continued)*

FINISHING TIMES:

- *2 gallon:* Shift 72c in Spring. Plants will be saleable in summer, about 10–12 weeks.
- *3 gallon:* Shift 21c in spring. Plants will be saleable in summer, about 10–12 weeks. Shift bare root in spring. Plants will be saleable in summer, about 8–10 weeks.



Fig 3: Finished container.

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